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Aspiring Athletes Membership Scheme – Concurrence Request

Dear Cllr Barry

As part of Tendring District Council's ongoing commitment to supporting local talent and promoting health and wellbeing, we are pleased to introduce the Aspiring Athletes Membership Scheme. This initiative is designed to support today's and tomorrow's athletes from across the district by providing them with complimentary access to our leisure centre facilities.

Scheme Overview

The scheme will be open to young athletes who are identified and referred by local sports clubs, schools, and community organisations through an application process. Successful applicants will receive a free membership to Tendring District Council's leisure centres, enabling access to training facilities, fitness classes, and swimming pools. A total number of up to 30 will be offered out annually and this number will be reviewed annually with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Open Space.

Key Objectives

Support Local Talent: Provide resources and access to help young athletes reach their potential.

Holistic Development: Promote physical fitness, mental wellbeing, and life skills.

Community Engagement: Strengthen collaboration with local clubs, schools, and organisations.

Application & Selection

A timeline will be created for the applications to be submit detailing of their sporting achievements, goals, and how the scheme will benefit their development. A panel of experts will review submissions and select the most promising candidates.

Expected Outcomes

1. Improved performance and success of young athletes.
2. Increased youth participation in sport and physical activity.
3. Stronger community ties through shared support of local talent.
4. A sustainable model for nurturing future champions in Tendring.

The scheme is scheduled to launch at the end of June 2025.

We are seeking your concurrence to proceed with the implementation of this scheme as outlined. If you agree, please sign and return the concurrence below.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Charles, BA Hons, MCIMSPA
Head of Sport & Leisure

I refer to your letter dated 12 June requesting my concurrence to implement the Aspiring Athletes Membership Scheme.

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Additional comments (if not concurring)